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In re Patent Application of: Kenneth C. Parker

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MASS  
FINGERPRINTING OF BIOMOLECULES

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2005 ("the Final Action"), Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-identified patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and submits the following Amendment and Reply as the requisite submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and any other fee that may be required for filing of the RCE and entry of this Amendment and Reply, to Deposit Account No. 50-1191, under Order No. SY9-155, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 or this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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